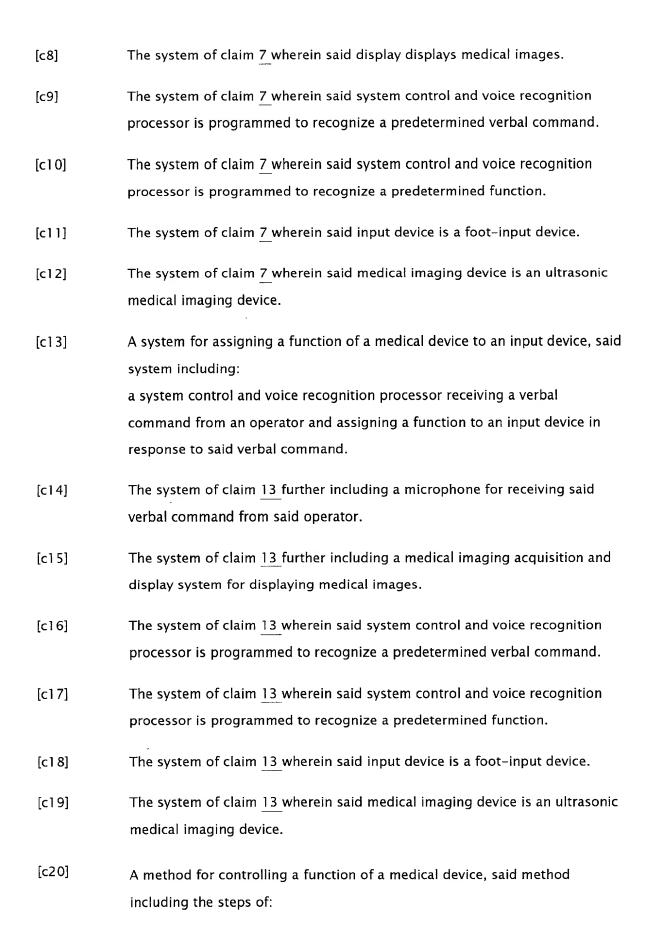
Claims

[c1]	A system for controlling a function of a medical device, said system
	including:

a microphone for receiving a verbal command from an operator; a system control and voice recognition processor receiving said verbal command from said microphone and assigning a function to an input console in response to said verbal command; and an input console controlling said function assigned to said input console when activated by said operator.

- [c2] The system of claim 1 further including a medical imaging acquisition and display system for displaying medical images.
- [c3] The system of claim 1 wherein said system control and voice recognition processor is programmed to recognize a verbal command as a predetermined verbal command.
- [c4] The system of claim 1 wherein said system control and voice recognition processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined function.
- [c5] The system of claim 1 wherein said input console is a foot-input console.
- [c6] The system of claim 1 wherein said medical imaging device is an ultrasonic medical imaging device.
- [c7] A system for controlling a function of a medical device, said system including:
 - a microphone for receiving a verbal command from an operator;
 - a system control and voice recognition processor receiving said verbal command and assigning a function to an input console in response to said verbal command;
 - an input device initiating said function assigned to said input device when activated by said operator; and
 - a display for displaying the function assigned to said input device.



receiving a verbal command from an operator;
assigning a function to an input console in response to said verbal
command; and
controlling said function assigned to said input device in response to
said verbal command when said input device is activated by an
operator.

- [c21] The method of claim $\underline{20}$ wherein said verbal command is received by said operator by a microphone.
- [c22] The method of claim 20 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.
- [c23] A method for assigning a function of a medical device to an input device, said method including the steps of:

receiving a verbal command for assigning a function;
receiving an additional verbal command for assigning an input device;
assigning said function to said input device in response to said verbal
commands; and
controlling said function assigned to said input device in response to
said verbal commands when said input device is activated by an
operator.

- [c24] The method of claim 23 wherein said verbal command is received by said operator by a microphone.
- [c25] The method of claim 23 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.